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To: Mike Powell

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Mike,

Please do not further de-regulate Radio,
I vacationed in Florida this spring and asked a local what was
available on dial down there,
He said, new rock, classic rock and oldies, all owned by
Clearchannels,

THESE ARE THE SAME RADIO STATIONS I HAVE AT HOME,
1800 MILES AWAY!

Travel used to include the joy of new radio stations with a local flavor,
Now every town in the USA has the broadcast equivalent of
McDonalds, Clearchannels.

DO YOUR JOB AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC AIRWAVES!

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From: Utabagladylady@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:45 PM
Subject: ENJOY...

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I can assume that you will not read this E-mail, due to the fact that hundreds are flooding in but, you might want to throw this one away in your trash file because I believe you really don't care about what the AMERICAN PEOPLE have to say, much like your father.

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I am not going to write a hate E-mail to you about the ruling you will be passing Monday. I am not going to act like a religious fanatic much like the people your father is working with and for, I am going to ask you a few question thou. Who are you? What kind of man have you become? Where is your common sense? Thank you for exposing your self to me, evolution truly is not running in your family blood.

THANK YOU FOR THE BACK STAB YOU ARE ABOUT TO DO TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

P.S. Enjoy that Porsche Turbo.

Your Unlike you American,

Thomas Jefferson, Martin Luther King.

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From: Valspreitzer@cs.com [REDACTED]
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 1:07 PM
Subject: Community Standards On National TV Programming

Federal Communications Commission
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The Requested Approval of 3 more mega stations will mean six mega-corporations putting filth down our childrens throats.

I respectfully request a denial.

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From: Wenonah Sharpe
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:21 PM
Subject: Free and intelligent press

Dear Chairman Powell,

You must not end the present rules regarding ownership of the media. If anything, strengthen them! Do your appointed job. Allow us variety and a chance to see more of what the rest of the nation and the world is thinking.

Wenonah Sharpe

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From: William Humphreys
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 11:36 PM
Subject: Re. Proposed Change In TV Regulations

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Commissioner:

Over the last several years I've been affected by mergers of various kinds. These included Banks, Oil Companies, and Food Stores to cite a few.

So far no merger has ever been for the consumers benefit. I once banked with First National that merged to become First Interstate and later merged with Wells Fargo. I no longer bank with them for a number of reasons, lack of service, the fact that I could no longer phone my local Bank but was connected to a central office in Portland, and their growing insensitivity to me.

I see the same fate coming if restrictions are eased in the regulation of TV merging and affiliations.

I want you to know that I personally am opposed to that action.

Respectfully,

William J. Humphreys Jr.
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From: Yolanda Fultz
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 11:45 PM
Subject: Letting companies buy and have more control over what we hear and see

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I heard on the news that you and the others will be voting on opening up who can purchase television companies, etc. I urge you to not vote to let this happen. I can just imagine having only one-sided opinions such as that of Fox TV in Detroit. They slanted the Iraq news as far as I'm concerned.

Vote no on this issue. Keep freedom of different opinions alive.

Yolanda Fultz
Registered voter

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It is important to all consumers that we get cel phone number portability.

This issue will clearly determine who I will vote for/contribute money to, in the next election.

Respectfully,
A Rogers

Do you Yahoo!?
Free online calendar with sync to Outlook(TM).

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From: Ursula
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:49 PM
Subject: FCC

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Powell,

Please delay the FCC ruling so we can have a meaningful debate on this issue.

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Ex Parte CommunicationThe Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554**RECEIVED**

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: MB Docket No. 02-277, Biennial Ownership Review

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Quorum Broadcasting Company and Mission Broadcasting, Inc., by their undersigned attorneys, hereby state their support for the proposal submitted to the Commission yesterday by the National Association of Broadcasters and several of its members. Nexstar currently owns 14 television stations, Quorum owns 10 television stations, and Mission owns six television stations. All of these stations are in medium and small markets. Thus, these companies are in a unique position to understand fully the current debate regarding the Commission's TV duopoly rule and the proposed "top-four" exception.

If the Commission expands the network ownership cap, allows newspaper and television joint ownership in a market, and takes the other steps that it is rumored to be contemplating, without at the same time providing meaningful relief for local television stations in medium and small markets, the Commission will actually be harming such stations. It is extremely unfair for the Commission to be granting regulatory relief to the networks, newspaper companies and others, without granting some meaningful relief to TV stations in medium and small markets that are not owned by the largest media conglomerates. It is these companies, such as Nexstar, Quorum and Mission, that can help maintain diversity of ideas and economic competition in markets, as well as the balance between stations and networks. Furthermore, at a time when local television stations are being required to undertake the capital expenditures of converting to DTV without any realistic hope of revenues from those expenditures, and when these stations are in the process of losing network compensation, and now may be faced with competitors owned by local cable television systems, local newspapers and networks, the ownership of two local stations by a company with no other local media interests becomes necessary for survival.

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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
May 29, 2003
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Under the "top-four" exemption (as we understand it currently is written), the third ranked station in a market could not acquire the fourth ranked station, even if their combined share of audience is less than each of the top two stations' shares. Likewise, under the proposal as we understand it, a local newspaper could buy a station in a market, a network could buy a station, a cable company could buy a station, but a company that has the third-ranked station and no other local media could not buy the fourth-ranked station even if that station is struggling to survive and unable to broadcast local news or other local programming on its own. This can't be what the Commission intends because it results in less diversity of programming and ideas.

Nexstar, Quorum and Mission urge the Commission to acknowledge the plight of medium and small market TV broadcasters and to adopt a more lenient TV duopoly rule than the strict "top-four" limit that we understand is currently being contemplated.

Sincerely,


(Howard M. Liberman)

CC: The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy
The Honorable Michael J. Copps
The honorable Kevin J. Martin
The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Kenneth Ferree
Paul Gallant

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RHONDA DAUPHIN JOHNSON, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 29, 2003

Dear Chairman Powell:

Enclosed is a copy of **Atlanta City Council Resolution 03-R-0819**, urging the Federal Communications Commission not to relax or eliminate any of its media ownership rules protecting the public interest, to delay any vote regarding such rules until after June 2nd, and to provide the media with FCC staff recommendations concerning this matter. Resolution 03-R-0819 was adopted by the City Council on May 19, 2003, and is being forwarded to your attention pursuant to the directive given in the resolution.

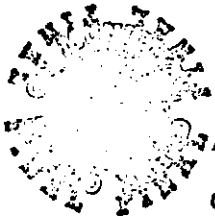
Thank you for taking into consideration the Atlanta City Council's position on this issue.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Municipal Clerk

Enclosure

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CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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RESOLUTION

Councilman C.T. Martin

A Resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission not to relax or eliminate any of its media ownership rules that have protected the public interest for nearly a quarter of a century; requesting the FCC to delay a vote on the matter beyond June 2nd; requesting the FCC to release to the media and public staff recommendations; and for other purposes

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is poised to relax or eliminate wide ranging set of media ownership rules, including allowing a newspaper to buy a television station in the same city; and

WHEREAS, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell has stated publicly that he supports the elimination for the first time in nearly 30 years of the limitation on the number of television stations that can be owned by networks; and

WHEREAS, the FCC staff is recommending raising the ownership limits for networks from 35 percent to 45 percent of the national audience and raising from two to three the number of television stations one company can own in large markets; and

WHEREAS, the FCC staff recommendations have not been released to the media or to the public for public comment or review; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Powell has refused to delay a critical vote on this matter scheduled for June 2, 2003 requested by commissioners Michael J. Copps and Jonathan S. Adelstein, when such requests are typically honored under FCC tradition; and

WHEREAS, media consolidation, cross-ownership, and deregulation for sake of deregulation harm diverse voices, a marketplace of ideas, and media democracy; and

WHEREAS, Atlanta has a fine tradition of opposing media consolidation, whose successes date back nearly a quarter of a century in efforts led by the NAACP, the ACLU, the Southern Regional Council, and others; and

WHEREAS, Atlanta is a diverse, multicultural city whose interest is in providing articulation to the voices to all its citizens, including minorities, women, labor, human rights advocates, and other disparate voices that don't often get heard in mainstream media environments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: That the Federal Communications Commission is urged not to relax or eliminate any of its media ownership rules that have protected the public interest for nearly over a quarter of a century.

Section 2: That the Federal Communications Commissions delays a vote on this matter beyond the June 2nd date to allow more time for public review and comment.

Section 3: That the Federal Communications Commission release to the media and public the May 11, 2003, 261-page report from staff containing recommendations.

Section 4: That the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Federal Communications Commission prior to June 2, 2003.

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A true copy,

Rhonda Daughlin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

MAY 19, 2003

MAY 28, 2003